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SUBJ GOC MEAT INSPECTION RE AUSTRALIAN BEEF TRANSITING VIA NYC

REF STATE 014806

1. AS BEST WE CAN DETERMINE GOC MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS DO NOT RPT NOT REQUIRE THAT VESSEL CALL AT CANADIAN PORTS. WHEN AGATTACHE QUERIED HETHERINGTON ON THIS POINT RESPONSE WAS VAGUE BUT HE CONCLUDED, QUOTE THEY HAVE TO CALL AT A CANADIAN PORT, END QUOTE. HETHERINGTON HAD MUCH MORE TO SAY ON THE PROBLEM FACED BY CANADIAN PORTS WHERE LARGE SUMS HAD BEEN SPENT TO HANDLE CONTAINERIZED FREIGHT, MEAT INSPECTORS STATIONED AT PORTS, BUT SHIPS NOT CALLING AT PORTS.

2. COINCIDENTALLY, SUBJECT CAME UP IN CONVERSATION BETWEEN HETHERINGTON AND EMBASSY OFFICIAL AT SOCIAL FUNCTION. IN ADDITION TO REPEATING COMMENTS HE HAD MADE TO AGATTACHE RE HEAVY FINANCIAL COMMITMENT OF CANADIAN PORTS TO THIS TRADE, HETHERINGTON COMMENTED THAT FARRELL IS NEWCOMER TO AUSTRALIA/ CANADA MEAT TRADE, IS UNWILLING TO CALL AT CANADIAN PORTS BECAUSE IT "WOULD LOSE ITS U.S. SUBSIDY" (SUBSIDY IS FACTOR WHICH MAKES FARRELL'S PARTICIPATION IN

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TRADE ECONOMIC, ACCORDING TO HETHERINGTON), AND HAS INDICATED

THAT THIS BUSINESS IS SO MARGINAL IT IS NOT WORTH ARGUING ABOUT. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION ABOUT REGULATIONS AND ENFORCEMENT POSSIBILITIES, HETHERINGTON SAID GOC MEAT INSPECTORS CAN TURN BACK ANY SHIPMENT IF THEY HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SATISFY THEMSELVES REGARDING CONDITIONS (ROUTING OF VESSEL, ETC.) UNDER WHICH MEAT HAD BEEN SHIPPED FROM COUNTRY OF ORIGIN TO CANADA.

3. J.V. QUINN, COMMERCIAL COUNSELOR, AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION, STATED THAT THE 1960 AUSTRALIAN/CANADIAN TRADE AGREEMENT REQUIRED THAT SHIPS CARRYING AUSTRALIAN CARGO CALL AT CANADIAN PORTS. STRIKES OFTEN MADE THIS DIFFICULT AND THIS REQUIREMENT WAS WAIVED IN OCTOBER 1973. QUINN CONFIRMS THAT NOTHING IN GOC MEAT INSPECTION LAW OR REGULATION REQUIRES VESSEL CALL AT CANADIAN PORT. AT PRESENT GOC/GOA UNDERSTANDING IS THAT AUSTRALIAN SHIPMENTS BE MADE DIRECT WHENEVER POSSIBLE WITH INDIRECT SHIPMENTS ONLY UNDER UNUSUAL CONDITIONS. QUINN BELIEVES SHIPPING PATTERNS ARE CHANGING WHICH MAY MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO SHIP DIRECT. GOA UNDER PRESSURE FROM ITC/GOC TO SHIP MEAT DIRECT. ITC UNDER PRESSURE FROM MIN. TRANSPORT. HOWEVER, ITC HAS BEEN DISTURBED IN PAST BY HETHERINGTON'S ROLE IN ATTEMPTING SOLVE TRADE PROBLEM UNDER REGULATORY GUISE. IN THIS RESPECT, EMBASSY AND AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION HAVE KEEN INTEREST IN TEXT OF HETHERINGTON LETTER TO FARRELL LINES. WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING COPY OR TEXT OF HETHERINGTON LETTER.

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